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Serial No. 10/585,128) Examiner: J. Garcia
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND ITS)
MANUFACTURING METHOD)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

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U.S. Patent Nos. 7,078,322 and 7,517,773 are in the family of JP 2003-229359. These references were not directly cited by the foreign patent office, but are submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

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